

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

ALI ABDALLA HAMZA <i>et al.</i> ,	)	
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
v.	)	CIVIL ACTION NO. 20-cv-01038 LMB-JFA
	)	
KHALIFA HIFTER,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	
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**NOTICE OF FACTUAL UPDATE**

Plaintiffs Ali Abdalla Hamza, *et al.*, along with Muna al-Suyid, *et al.* (*al-Suyid v. Hifter*, 1:20-cv-00170-LMB-JFA), Aida Elzagally, *et al.* (*Elzagally v. Hifter*, 1:19-cv-00853-LMB-JFA), respectfully note the following update for the Court.

On November 4, 2021, this Court stayed three civil actions which had been consolidated for discovery purposes against Defendant Khalifa Hifter “until Libya’s upcoming election has concluded.” (Dkt. 175 at 3). At that time, the election was scheduled to be held on December 24, 2021.

But, on December 22, 2021, the vote was postponed. “*Libya elections: Presidential poll postponed*,” BBC NEWS, December 23, 2021.<sup>1</sup> The High National Electoral Commission initially suggested holding the vote on January 24, 2022, “*Libya electoral board suggests January 24 for polls*,” AL JAZEERA, December 23, 2021,<sup>2</sup> but Libya’s parliament refused to fix a date for presidential elections after the parliamentary committee charged with overseeing

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-59755677>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/12/22/libya-tensions-rise-as-election-all-but-set-to-be-delayed>

the election presented a report saying “it would be risky to set a new date at this stage.” *“Libyan parliament refuses to fix date for delayed elections,”* AL JAZEERA, December 24, 2021.<sup>3</sup> See also *“Elections Can’t Fix What’s Wrong With Libya,”* FOREIGN POLICY, January 4, 2022 (“Libya’s High National Election Commission recommended that elections be held ... in January, a timeline promptly ruled out by the parliament, which argues an election is pointless until a consensus has been reached on major disagreements. But that could mean an indefinite delay”).<sup>4</sup>

UN officials hope the elections can happen by June 2022. *“UN Official: Important to have Libyan elections by June,”* CNN, January 11, 2022.<sup>5</sup> But so far, the consensus appears to be that “it is unclear whether the election will go ahead at all.” *“Libya’s peace remains fragile as election disputes defy resolution,”* ARAB NEWS, January 10, 2022.<sup>6</sup> Part of the reason for the election discord surrounds the candidacy of the Defendant. *“How Libya’s Fragile Unity Is Being Tested by Election,”* Washington Post/Bloomberg, January 12, 2022.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/12/27/libya-parliament-committee-elections-date>

<sup>4</sup> <https://foreignpolicy.com/2022/01/04/libya-elections-not-solution-haftar-qaddafi-dbeibah>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.cnn.com/videos/tv/2022/01/11/amanpour-libya-stephanie-turco-williams.cnn>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.arabnews.com/node/2001236/middle-east>

<sup>7</sup> [https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/energy/how-libyas-fragile-unity-is-being-tested-by-election/2022/01/12/7b19df00-738e-11ec-a26d-1c21c16b1c93\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/energy/how-libyas-fragile-unity-is-being-tested-by-election/2022/01/12/7b19df00-738e-11ec-a26d-1c21c16b1c93_story.html)

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